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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

The following amendment accompanies the Divisional Patent Application of U.S. Serial No. 09/065,383. Before beginning an examination on the merits of the above-identified application, please amend the application as indicated below.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, please replace the first paragraph entitled: Cross-Reference to Related Application.

This application is a divisional of U.S. Patent Application, Serial No. 09/065,383, filed April 23, 1998, which is a continuation -in-part of U.S. application Serial No. 08/842,385 filed April 23, 1997, from which priority is claimed pursuant to 35 U.S. C. ¶120 and which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please CANCEL, WITHOUT PREJUDICE, Claims 1-16, 25-33, 35, 38 and 39 of the parent file, Application No. 09/065,383.

Remarks

Claims 1-16, 25-33, 35, 38 and 39 have been cancelled. Upon entry of this amendment, claims 17-24, 34, 36, and 37 will be pending.

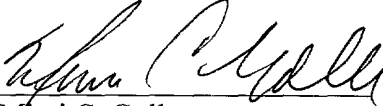
Applicants respectfully submit that the amendments presented above add no new matter and request their entry into the record.

Conclusion

Applicants believe claims 17-24, 34, 36 and 37 are in condition for allowance and such action is requested.

Respectfully submitted,
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